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## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In the Matter of the Mortgage Banker License of:

No. 07F-BD018-BNK

FIRST MAGNUS FINANCIAL CORPORATION #2 DBA GREAT SOUTHWEST MORTGAGE CONSENT ORDER

603 N. Wilmot Road Tucson, AZ 85711

Petitioner.

Wishing to resolve this matter in lieu of an administrative hearing and without admitting liability, First Magnus Financial Corporation #2 dba Great Southwest Mortgage ("Great Southwest") does not contest the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and consents to the entry of the following Order.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Great Southwest is an Arizona corporation authorized to transact business in Arizona as a mortgage banker, license number BK 0903297, within the meaning of A.R.S. §§ 6-941, et seq. The nature of Great Southwest's business is that of making, negotiating, or offering to make or negotiate a mortgage banking loan or a mortgage loan secured by Arizona real property within the meaning of A.R.S. § 6-941(5).
- 2. The Arizona Department of Financial Institutions ("Department") conducted an examination of Great Southwest commencing November 7, 2005. Based on the examination, the Department concluded, among other things, that Great Southwest:
  - a. Improperly operated branches by:
    - i. Branch equipment and furniture leases are in branch managers' names resulting in such branch managers being liable for said leases;
    - ii. Failed to assume liability for all branch office leases; and
    - iii. Subleases are used as a profit center for branch managers as evidenced by the formation and ownership of limited liability companies ("L.L.C.s") by

Great Southwest's branch managers acting as landlords.

- b. Contracted with or paid compensation as defined in the Mortgage Bankers Act to lead generators and other independent contractors who were not licensed by the Department as mortgage brokers or mortgage bankers.
- c. Failed to conduct the minimum elements of reasonable employee investigations before hiring employees by failing to conduct a further investigation of certain employees with derogatory credit reports;
- d. Failed to fully comply with the disclosure requirements of Title I of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1601 through 1666j), and the regulations promulgated under these acts;
- e. Allowed borrowers to sign regulated documents containing blank spaces;
- f. Originated and closed mortgage loans from two unlicensed locations;
- g. Used unlawful appraisal disclosures limiting a borrower to 90 days in which the borrower may request a copy of an appraisal for which the borrower had paid; and
- h. A branch manager made false promises and misrepresentations or concealed an essential or material fact in the course of the mortgage banker business by deceiving the ultimate lender through a pattern of misrepresentation and concealment that resulted in ten (10) fraudulent loan transactions.
- 3. The Department has found no evidence that Great Southwest's violations were willful or intentional.
- 4. Great Southwest has voluntarily agreed to take corrective action designed to comply with the Department's requests. However, such finding does not waive any provisions of this Consent Order.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 6-941, et seq., the Superintendent has the authority and duty to regulate all persons engaged in the mortgage banker business in Arizona and with the enforcement

of statutes, rules, and regulations relating to mortgage bankers.

- 2. By the conduct set forth in the Findings of Fact, Great Southwest violated the following mortgage banker statutes and rules:
  - a. A.R.S. § 6-944(A) by operating its branches inappropriately;
  - b. A.R.S. § 6-947(B) and A.A.C. R20-4-102 by contracting with or paying compensation to unlicensed non-exempt lead generators and other independent contractors;
  - c. A.R.S. § 6-943(0) and A.A.C. R20-4-102 by failing to conduct the minimum elements of reasonable employee investigations before hiring employees;
  - d. A.R.S. § 6-946(E) and A.A.C. R20-4-1806(B)(6)(e) by failing to comply with the disclosure requirements of Title I of the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1601 through 1666j), the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 2601 through 2617), and the regulations promulgated under these acts;
  - e. A.R.S. § 6-947(A) and A.A.C. R20-4-1808 by allowing borrowers to sign regulated documents containing blank spaces;
  - f. A.R.S. § 6-943(A) by originating and closing mortgage loans from unlicensed locations;
  - g. A.R.S. § 6-946(C) by using unlawful appraisal disclosures limiting a borrower to 90 days in which the borrower may request a copy of an appraisal for which the borrower has paid; and
  - h. A.R.S. § 6-947(L) by a branch manager making false promises or misrepresentations or concealing an essential or material fact relating to ten (10) fraudulent loan transactions at one branch.

#### **ORDER**

1. Great Southwest shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Arizona Mortgage Bankers Act. Without limiting the foregoing, Great Southwest shall:

- a. Not transfer or assign its mortgage banker license except for a change of control as permitted by A.R.S. § 6-944(A);
- b. Not contract with or pay compensation as defined in the Mortgage Bankers Act to unlicensed non-exempt lead generators and other independent contractors;
- c. Conduct the minimum elements of reasonable employee investigations before hiring employees;
- d. Comply with the disclosure requirements of Title I of the Consumer Credit

  Protection Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1601 through 1666j), the Real Estate Settlement

  Procedures Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 2601 through 2617), and the regulations

  promulgated under these acts;
- e. Not allow borrowers to sign regulated documents containing blank spaces except as permitted by the Mortgage Bankers Act;
- f. Not originate and close mortgage loans from unlicensed locations; and
- g. Not use unlawful appraisal disclosures limiting a borrower to 90 days in which the borrower may request a copy of an appraisal for which the borrower has paid.
- 2. Within five business days of the execution of this Order Great Southwest shall pay to the Department a civil money penalty in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00).
- 3. The provisions of this Order shall become effective upon service and shall remain effective and enforceable until such time as, and except to the extent that, it shall be stayed, modified, terminated or set aside.
- 4. The provisions of this Order shall be binding upon Great Southwest and its employees, agents, and other persons participating in the conduct of the affairs of Great Southwest.

SO ORDERED this 15t day of Office

Felecia A. Rotellini

Superintendent of Financial Institutions

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## CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

- 1. Great Southwest acknowledges that it has been served with a copy of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in the above-referenced matter, has read the same, is aware of its right to an administrative hearing in this matter, and has waived the same.
- 2. Great Southwest admits the jurisdiction of the Superintendent and consents to the entry of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.
- 3. Great Southwest executes this Order solely to settle this matter and not as an admission that Great Southwest has violated the law. This Agreement does not preclude this Department, or any other agency or officer of this state or subdivision thereof, from instituting other proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.
- 4. Great Southwest states that no promise of any kind or nature has been made to induce it to consent to the entry of this Order, and that it has done so voluntarily.
- 5. Great Southwest represents that Gurpreet S. Jaggi is the President of Great Southwest, and, in that capacity, has been authorized by Great Southwest to consent to the entry of this Order on its behalf.
- 6. Great Southwest waives all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of this Order.

DATED this 1st day of DECEMBER, 2006.

First Magnus Corporation #2 dba Great Southwest Mortgage

Gurpreet S. Jaggi, President

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 200, 2006, in the office of:

Felecia A. Rotellini, Superintendent

Arizona Department of Financial Institutions

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